

Hebrews 7:18-28

Hebrews 7:18 (NOTES)

- "former commandment ... weakness and uselessness" - The sacrificial system - The Law. Why was it weak and useless? The sacrifices (animals bred after the fall were flawed) were imperfect and the priesthood (made up of humans born after The Fall who were corrupt in their nature) that mediated it was imperfect. Thus, sinful humans could not be made perfect by an imperfect system. Hebrews 10:1-4, 7:19

Hebrews 7:19 (NOTES)

- "for the Law made nothing perfect" - As stated above.
- "a better hope" - That we **CAN** be made perfect through the blood of Christ because He was a perfect sacrifice, and in that perfect state, having His righteousness, we can be admitted into God's presence. 1Peter 1:19-21, Ephesians 2:13, Hebrews 6:19, James 4:8

Hebrews 7:21 (NOTES)

- "they indeed became priests without an oath" - The Levites.
- "He ... Him" - Jesus.
- "One" - God the Father.
- "LORD HAS SWORN AND WILL NOT" - This is a quote. Psalm 110:4

Hebrews 7:22 (NOTES)

- "Jesus has become the guarantee" - Since God the Father who cannot lie or change swore an oath, and since God the Son was sent by Him to fulfill it, Jesus's coming serves as a guarantee or pledge (e.g. - "Hold my watch or wallet until I return and pay the bill."). When Judah gave his signet ring and cords and staff to Tamar as a pledge to pay her a goat after giving him sex.
- Genesis 38
- "a better covenant" - The New Covenant: redemption through the blood of Christ. Jeremiah 31:31, Matthew 26:27-28, Hebrews 9:11-15

Hebrews 7:23 (NOTES)

- "former priests ... prevented by death" - The Levites were not God, not eternal, and all died, as mortal men do. They could not serve perpetually.

Hebrews 7:24 (NOTES)

- Psalm 110:4

Hebrews 7:25 (NOTES)

- "He is able also to save forever ... since" - Because, as Mediator, He never dies and can mediate between God and us forever.
- "He always lives to make intercession for them" - Satan is the accuser, and he is continually pointing out to God the father the sins of the saved. But Jesus is our mediator and continually present His blood to the Father to cover our sin. Like Joseph's brothers who covered their sin of betrayal by presenting to their father the shed blood of an innocent substitutionary sacrifice. Revelation 12:9-11, Genesis 37:31-35

Hebrews 7:26 (NOTES)

- "separated from sinners" - *Set apart* - this is the same idea as the previous adjectives: "holy, innocent, undefiled."

Hebrews 7:27 (NOTES)

- "does not need daily" - Christ needs no cleansing.
- "offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the *sins* of the people," - Since Christ was untainted by sin, He was able to pay its fine. His payment was final and permanent. John 19:30

Hebrews 7:28 (NOTES)

- This verse summarizes the argument the writer of Hebrews has made.